## CHESTERTON (1846-....)

*CHESTERTON, an ecclesiastical district, partly in the parish of Audley, union of Newcastle-under-Lyme, but chiefly in the parish of Wolstanton, union of Wolstanton and Burslem, N. division of the hundred of Pirehill and of the county of Stafford; containing upwards of 2000 inhabitants, of whom 1207 are in the township of Chesterton, 2 miles (N. by W.) from Newcastle. The name of Chesterton evidently has reference to the ancient Roman fortress situated here, the Mediolanum of Antonine; the site is still clearly marked out, and a large fosse exists along the north side of the station. Camden calls the place Chesterton-under-Lyme. The district comprises 2700 acres, whereof 843 are in Audley parish, and 1857 in the parish of Wolstanton; the township of Chesterton, which is wholly in Wolstanton, contains about 1100 acres, lying on the north side of that parish. The surface is hilly, and consists of such land as is usual above iron and coal mines; parts are wooded, and the views are extensive. The road from Newcastle to Liverpool passes on the east; and Sir Nigel Gresley's canal (now belonging to R. E. Heathcote, Esq.) runs through. Considerable quantities of blue bricks, tiles, and pipes for drains and conduits, of superior hardness, are manufactured here; and potteries have been established at Red-street, in the northern part of Chesterton township, for a long period. There are iron and coal mines, several blast-furnaces for smelting the ironstone, and extensive iron-works belonging to Mr. Heathcote. The district was constituted in July, 1846, under the act 6th and 7th Victoria, cap. 37: the living is in the gift of the Crown and the Bishop of Lichfield, alternately. At Chesterton are places of worship for Wesleyans and Independents; at Alsager's Bank, about two miles and a half west of that village, is another place of worship for dissenters, and at Red-street a small Unitarian meeting-house. The site of an ancient castle of John of Gaunt's, is to be seen behind an old mansion in Chesterton, called the Old Hall: the castle was removed to Newcastle, from which circumstance that place derived its name. [A Topographical Dictionary of England (1848)]*

### *Parish History*

In Jul 1846 the parish of **CHESTERTON** was formed from parts of **AUDLEY** and **WOLSTANTON**.

In 1932 the parish of **ALSAGERS BANK** was formed from part of **CHESTERTON**.

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### *Description of Church (Holy Trinity)*

The church, in ....., was built in 1851-2 (largely at the expense of XXXXX) to designs by *H. Ward & Son of Hanley* and consecrated on 15 Aug 1852.

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### *Type of incumbent*

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|---|---|
| Perpetual Curate | 1846-1868 |
| Vicar | 1868-.... |

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### *Patrons*

Crown & Lichfield (alternately)

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### *Parish Registers*

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### *Bells*

## *Special References*

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## *Principal Clergy*

**►Edward Smith c1813-1882** **1846-1850**
b c1813 *son of Henry Bates Smith of London St Gregory clerk*
d 4 Dec 1882
(aged 17, matriculated from Wadham, Oxford) 18 Mar 1830 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1833
(M.A.) 1836
(ordained deacon by Lincoln) 1837
(Stipendiary Curate, Bedford St Paul) 1837
(ordained priest by Ely) 1838
(Stipendiary Curate, Bocking, Essex) 1838
(Stipendiary Curate, Holywell, Northaants) 1843
**(Perpetual Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1846-50
- (presented by the Crown)
(Chaplain, Partis College, Bath) 1850-d
(author, "The Church of England before the Reformation", "An Introduction to the Book
of Common Prayer")
[SIMMS*]

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**►William Henry Jackson c1825-1902** **1850-1875**
b c1825 *1st son of Henry Jackson of Tutbury, Staffs armiger*
m 1857 Ludivina Sophia Stuart-Menteth; (aged 32, b Thorpe Arch, Yorks) 1871 C;
d 1879
d cNov 1902 Wetherby RD
(aged 18, matriculated from Brasenose College, Oxford) 15 Jun 1843 [FOSTER]
(Scholar) 1846.8
(B.A.) 1847
**(Perpetual Curate/Vicar, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1850-1875
- (presented by Lichfield)
(Rector, Thorpe Arch, Yorks) 1875-....
[SIMMS]
chn: William Congreve Jackson b 1859; (aged 11, b Chesterton) 1871 C
Charles Granville Jackson b 1863
Archibald Jackson b 1867; (aged 3, b Chesterton) 1871 C
Frances Menteth Jackson b 1875
Alice Sophia Jackson (aged 1, b Chesterton) 1871 C
Ludivina Grace Jackson

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**►William Wingfield Sandford 1845-1929** **1875-1899**
b 1845 *son of William Sandford clerk 1815-1882 and Susan Mary dau of John Lyster 1795-1882*
d *aged 84* 1929 Wellington RD, Salop
(at Trinity College, Dublin)
(B.A.) 1869
(M.A.) 1883
(ordained deacon by Durham) 1869
(Stipendiary Curate, Sedgfield, Durhams) 1869-74
(ordained priest by Durham) 1870
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Willington, Durhams) 1874-5

(Vicar, Witton Park, Durhams) 1875
**(Vicar, Chesterton, Staffs) 1875-99**
- (presented by the Crown) 1875
**(Rector, Grindon, Staffs) 1899-1902**
(Rector, Rodington, Salop) 1902-d
(Rural Dean, Wrockwardine, Salop) 1909-?d
(Proctor in Convocation, Lichfield) 1909-10 1919
chn: John Hamilton Sandford b 1876 **[SCD]**

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**►James Heber George 1857-.... 1900-1927**
c 5 Sep 1857 Carlisle *son of James George (Vicar of Pentney, Norfolk) and Harriett (.....)*
(educated at Birmingham King Edward under A. R. Vardy)
(admitted pensioner at St John's, Cambridge) 12 Oct 1876
(matriculated) Michs 1876
(B.A.) 1880
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1881
**(Stipendiary Curate, Forebridge, Staffs)** 1881-4
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1882
(M.A.) 1883
**(Stipendiary Curate, Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs)** 1885-1900
**(Vicar, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1900-27
**(Vicar, Butterton, Staffs)** 1927-35
(in retirement of Colwyn Bay) 1947

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**►Charles Parry Way 1870-1949 1928-1930**
b 10 Jan 1870 "The Vicarage", Henbury *youngest son of John Hugh (Vicar of Henbury, Glos) and Caroline dau of Sir W. Edward Parry, K.C.B. (Admiral)*
m 27 Apr 1905 Ethel Mary eldest dau of Joseph Walker Danks of Wolverhampton; (and had chn)
d 30 Nov 1949 "Denham Lodge", Eccleshall, Staffs
(educated at Repton)
(admitted pensioner at St John's, Cambridge) 4 Oct 1889 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1889
(B.A.) 1892
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1894
**(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St Peter, Staffs)** 1894-1903
(ordained priest) 1895
(M.A.) 1901
**(Stipendiary Curate, Basford, Staffs)** 1903-6
(Vicar, Henbury-cum-Aust-cum-Hallen, Glos) 1906-28
(Honorary Canon, Bristol) 1926-8
**(Vicar, Chesterton-cum-Alsagers Bank, Staffs)** 1928-30
**(Rector, Lichfield St Chad, Staffs)** 1930-3
**(Vicar, Eccleshall, Staffs)** 1933-9
**(Prebendary, Lichfield Bobenhull)** 1939
**(Prebendary Emeritus, Lichfield)** 1940-....
(Rector, Denham, Bucks) 1939-46
(in retirement of "Denham Lodge", Eccleshall, Staffs)
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**►James Atkinson c1902-.... 1930-1941**
(at Lichfield Theological College) 1925
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1925
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1927
**(Stipendiary Curate, West Bromwich All Saints, Staffs)** 1925-30
**(Vicar, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1930-41
**(Vicar, Rushton, Staffs)** 1941-p1954

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►**Arthur Reginald Smith c1901-....** **1941-?1954**
(Associate, King's College, London) 1924
(at Lincoln Theological College) 1924
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1924
**(Stipendiary Curate, Walsall Wood, Staffs)** 1924-8
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1926
**(Stipendiary Curate, Wednesfield -----, Staffs**) 1928-33
**(Stipendiary Curate, Leek St Luke, Staffs)** 1933-4
**(Vicar, Horton, Staffs)** 1934-41
**(Vicar, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1941-?1954
(Surrogate) 1948

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►**Frank Forrest c1915-....** **1954-1961**
(at St Aidan College) 1940
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1940
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1940-2
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1941
**(Stipendiary Curate, Hanley-cum-Hope, Staffs)** 1942-5
**(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Hopwas, Staffs**) 1945-7
(Rector, Sawley, Derbys) 1947-54
**(Vicar, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1954-61
**(Vicar, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs)** 1961-3
**(Vicar, Shareshill, Staffs) 1963-1968**
(in retirement of 29 Laurel Drive, Newport, Salop) 1973

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***Assistant Clergy***

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►**Thomas Darby 1829-1895** **1856-1858**
c 6 Jul 1829 ..... *son of John Darby of Trafalgar Street, Leeds schoolmaster and Eliza (.....)*
d 26 Dec 1895
(admitted pensioner at St John's, Cambridge) 30 Jun 1851 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1851
(B.A.) 1855
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1856
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1856-8
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1857
**(Headmaster, Audley Grammar School, Staffs)** 1858-72
**(Stipendiary Curate, Goldenhill, Staffs)** 1872-3
**(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Norton-in-the-Moors, Staffs)** 1873-4
**(Stipendiary Curate, Walsall St Matthew, Staffs)** 1874-9
**(Vicar, Pleck-cum-Bescot, Staffs)** 1879-d

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►**Edward Spencer Lowndes 1826-1899** **1856-1857**
b 7 Mar 1826 Liverpool *2nd son of Matthew Dobson Lowndes of Liverpool, Lancs solicitor and Sarah Gibbons dau of John Livingston of Everton merchant*
m 23 Apr 1856 Jane dau. of William Parker (Rector of Little Comberton, Worcs); (aged 32, b Little Comberton) 1861 C
d *suddenly* 17 Jan 1899 Harrow
(educated at Birmingham King Edward VI)
(admitted pensioner at Christ's, Cambridge) 12 Jun 1850 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1850
(Scholar) 1851
(B.A.) 1854
(M.A.) 1857
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1854

**(Stipendiary Curate, Audley, Staffs)** 1854-5
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1855
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1856-7
**(Stipendiary Curate, Handsworth -----, Staffs)** 1857-61
(Stipendiary Curate, Cleobury Mortimer, Salop) 1861-70
- (aged 35, b Liverpool, of "Vicarage House", Cleobury Mortimer, "cler. Curate of Cleobury Mortimer ---- late scholar of Christ Coll Cambridge") 1861 C
(Stipendiary Curate, Ludlow, Salop) 1870-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Little Comberton, Worcs) 1877-85
(Rector, Little Comberton, Worcs) 1885-98
(author, Sermons)
chn: William Dobson Lowndes (aged 3, b Handsworth) 1861 C; (at Cambridge) 1876
Katharine Lowndes (aged 2, b Handsworth) 1861 C
Alice Jane Lowndes (aged 1m, b Cleobury Mortimer)

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►**William Bassett Powell c1840-....** **1864-1865**
(at St Bees Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1864
**(Stipendary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1864-5
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1865

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►**Francis Drake-Young c1842-....** **1867-1870**
(at St Bees Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1867
**(Stipendary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1867-70
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1868

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►**Thomas Edge-Wright c1845-....** **1869-1870**
(at St Bees Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1869
**(Stipendary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1869-70
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1870

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►**Charles William Bennett c1847-....** **1871-1874**
(at Lichfield Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1871
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1871-4
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1872

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►**John Rogers Hutchinson 1848-1892** **1873-1875**
b 1848 Blurton *son of John Hutchinson 1793-1865* ***[SCD]*** *and Martha Oliver (Hutchinson)*
d *aged 43* 2 Jan 1892
(admitted pensioner at Emmanuel, Cambridge) 2 Jul 1866 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1866
(Scholar) 1869
(at Lichfield Theological College) 1870-1
(B.A.) 1871
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1871
**(Stipendiary Curate, Lichfield Christ Church, Staffs)** 1871-3
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1872
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1873-5
(M.A.) 1874
**(Vicar, Normacot, Staffs)** 1875-d
(author, "Limen Sanctorum, or Preparations for the Office of the Holy Church", 1881) [SIMMS]

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►**Robert Sheppard Routh c1847-....** **1874-1875**

b c1847 *son of Robert Alfred Routh of London armiger*
(aged 18, matriculated from Christ Church, Oxford) 13 Oct 1865 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1870
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1872
(M.A.) 1873
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1873
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1874-5

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**►Richard Hombersley Tomlins 1846-.... 1875-1879**
b cNov 1846 Shrewsbury RD
(at Lichfield Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1875
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1875-9
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1876
**(Stipendiary Curate, Bucknall, Staffs)** 1879-82
**(Stipendiary Curate, Abbots Bromley, Staffs)** 1882-9
(Stipendiary Curate, Market Drayton, Salop) 1889-92

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**►Edward Thomas Taylor c1854-.... 1878-1880**
(at Lichfield Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1878
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1878-80
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1879
**(Stipendiary Curate, Cheadle, Staffs)** 1880-1
(Stipendiary Curate, Whitfield, Derbys) 1881-91
(Stipendiary Curate, Guisborough, Yorks) 1891-1901
(Vicar, Thirkleby, Yorks NR) 1901-p1906

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**►George Henry Wilson c1855-.... 1879-1881**
(at Lichfield Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1879
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1879-81
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1880

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**►Frederick William Job 1854-.... 1880-1882**
b cFeb 1854 Redruth RD, Cornwall *son of John Job of Penryn Street, Redruth, Cornwall "chymist" c1826-....*
m Emily F. .....; (aged 40, b Houghton-le-Spring, Durhams) 1901 C
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1880
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1880-2
- (aged 27, b Redruth, Cornwall, "clerk in holy orders", boarding at Chesterton) 1881 C
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1881
**(Stipendiary Curate, Hanley -----, Staffs)** 1882-6
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Liverpool St Paul) 1886-9
(Vicar, Lyneal-cum-Colemere, Salop) 1889-97
**(Vicar, Lower Gornal, Staffs)** 1897-1928
- (aged 47, b Redruth, Cornwall, of "The Vicarage" Sedgley "Clergyman") 1901 C
- (resigned) 24 Jun 1928 [UNDERHILL 298]
chn: Bernard Keble Craig Job d *killed in action* at "Hill 60" 19 Apr 1915
Geraldine M. Job (aged 12, b Liverpool) 1901 C

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**►Philip Hughes Moore 1839-1914 1885-1888**
b 12 Feb 1839 Ramsey, Isle of Man; c 12 Feb 1839 ..... *son of Thomas Moore and Ann Catharine (?Hughs)*
m 1865 Eleanor dau of Ccharles Kenrick Prescot (Rector of Stockport, Cheshire)
d *aged 75* 14 Nov 1914 at 8 Upper Marlborough Road, St Albans
(admitted pensioner at St John's, Cambridge) 6 Oct 1860 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1860

(B.A.) 1864
(ordained deacon by St David's) 1864
(Stipendiary Curate, Swansea, Glams) 1864-7
(Chaplain to seamen on the Tyne) 1867-76
**(Stipendiary Curate, Fenton, Staffs)** 1876-8
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1877[sic]
**(Chaplain, Lichfield Barge Mission, Staffs)** 1879-84
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1885-8
(Vicar, Tynemouth St Peter) 1888-1911
(in retirement of 8 Upper Marlborough Road, St Albans)

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►**Henry John Frye c1858-....** **1888-1890**
(at Lichfield Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1882
**(Stipendiary Curate, Smethwick Holy Trinity, Staffs)** 1882-3
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1883
(Stipendiary Curate, St George-in-the-East St John the Evangelist, London E) 1883-7
**(Stipendary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1888-90

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►**Robert Greig c1866-....** **1890-1892**
(at Exeter College, Oxford)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1890
**(Stipendary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1890-2
(ordained priest by Lichfi1eld) 1891

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►**John Gwyon c1868-....** **1892-1894**
(at Lampeter)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1892
**(Stipendary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1892-4
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1893
**(Stipendiary Curate, Moxley, Staffs**) 1894-5

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►**Henry Charles Alexander Townsend 1870-....** **1897-1900**
b cFeb 1870 Lewisham RD
(at St David's College, Lampeter)
(B.A.) 1897
(ordained deacon by St David's *pro* Lichfield) 1897
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1897-1900
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1898
**(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St John, Staffs)** 1900-2
**(Stipendiary Curate, Stafford St Chad)** 1902-15
(B.D.) 1907
**(Vicar, Wolverhampton All Saints, Staffs)** 1915-p1920

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►**Charles Alfred Griffin c1868-....** **1900-1903**
(at Queen's College, Birmingham)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1891
**(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St Matthew, Staffs)** 1891-9
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1893
**(Stipendiary Curate, Smethwick Holy Trinity, Staffs)** 1899-1900
**(Stipendary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1900-3
(Stipendiary Curate, Chester St John the Baptist) 1903-7
(Vicar, Dunham-on-the-Hill-cum-Halsford, Cheshire) 1907-29
(F.R.S.A.) 1925
(F.R.G.S.) 1928
**(Vicar, Madeley, Staffs)** 1929-1935
(of Springfield House, Bretton, Chester) 1947

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►**Adalbert George Astley Rainier c1884-....** **1916-1919**
b [X IGI]
(ordained deacon by Calgary) 1907
(ordained priest) 1912
**(Stipendiary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 1916-9
**(Vicar, West Bromwich Good Shepherd, Staffs)** 1930-....

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►**Kimberley Ann "Kim" Thomas 1959-....** **2004-2007**
b 1959
(at Cranmer Hall, Durham) 2002
(Dip. Min. Theo.)
**(Stipendary Curate, Chesterton, Staffs)** 2004-7
(ordained priest) 2005
**(Vicar, Stretton-cum-Claymills, Staffs)** 2007-....
- (in office) 2009

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***Chapels-of-Ease and Missions***

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**ALSAGERS BANK in CHESTERTON (....-1932)**

In 1932 the parish of **ALSAGERS BANK** was formed from part of **CHESTERTON**.

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►**George Bolney Brown 1850-1931** **1876-1881**
b 24 Nov 1850 Brighton RD, Sussex *son of Alexander Roselle Brown M.D.*
d *aged 80* 28 Oct 1931 "Aston House", Aston-by-Stone; i Aston-by-Stone; M.I. [below]
(aged 10, b Brighton) 1861 C
(admitted pensioner at Clare, Cambridge) 13 Oct 1870 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1870
(B.A.) 1874
(ordained deacon by Ely) 1874
(Stipendiary Curate, Clifton, Beds) 1874-6
(ordained priest) 1875
**(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Alsagers Bank in Chesterton, Staffs)** 1876-81
(M.A.) 1877
**(Vicar, Aston, Staffs)** 1881-1922
- (presented by Hon. Edward Swynfen Parker-Jervis 1815-1896)
(in retirement of "Aston House", Aston-by-Stone)

*(Aston) Anastasia Emily BROWN ..... George Bolney BROWN .... Vicar of Aston, 1881-1892 ... Born 24 Nov 1850 died 28 Oct 1931*

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►**Robert Simpson c1851-....** **1885-1920**
(at Bees Theological College) 1874
(ordained deacon & priest by Down) 1876
(Stipendiary Curate, Drumbeg, Co Down) 1876
**(Stipendiary Curate, Tunstall -----, Staffs)** 1876-8
(at Durham University) 1878
(Stipendiary Curate, Hunwick, Durhams) 1878-9
(Stipendiary Curate, Wirksworth, Derbys) 1879-82
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Dove Holes, Derbys) 1882-5
**(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Alsagers Bank in Chesterton, Staffs)** 1885-p1920

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►**Frederic William Mellor c1896-....** **1926-1931**

(at Lichfield Theological College) 1919
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1919
**(Stipendiary Curate, West Bromwich St Peter, Staffs)** 1919-22
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1921
**(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Wolverhampton St Barnabas, Staffs)** 1922-6
**(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Dunkirk St John in Chesterton, Staffs)** 1926-31
**(Vicar, Ettingshall, Staffs)** 1931-p1949

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